

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 319

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Pastor Mitchell Maloney on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary as the pastor of North Cleveland Church of God.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Mitchell Maloney is one such stalwart servant of the Lord who has faithfully served as the pastor of the North Cleveland Church of God for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Maloney accepted the pastorate of the North Cleveland Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee, in 1993; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure he has led several major building programs, including the Dale R. Hughes Family Ministry center; a sanctuary seating 2,360 worshipers, and a multi-story International Prayer Center; the church's buildings now cover a city block, and are valued at \$18 million; and

WHEREAS, he is beloved by his congregation for his biblical preaching, his personal pastoral care, his prudent church administration, his staff direction, and his compassionate and servant-hearted leadership; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Maloney has set an example of family faithfulness; he and his wife, Sharon, have provided exemplary leadership in the church and beyond; and

WHEREAS, he has systematically mentored numerous young men who now serve in Christian ministry; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Maloney is well-known in the city for his civic involvement, his frequent speaking engagements at Lee University and the Pentecostal Theological Seminary, and his ministry and care for those who do not have a church affiliation; and

WHEREAS, he has also served the broader church by having been elected to the Tennessee Church of God State Council and to the denomination's International Executive Council; he has further accepted appointments to various denominational committees and task forces, where he has provided wise counsel and leadership; and

WHEREAS, he frequently travels to numerous countries around the globe to offer teaching and training to pastors and church leaders; and

WHEREAS, the local church, the city of Cleveland, and the wider Church of God respects, appreciates, and honors Pastor Mitchell and Sharon Maloney on the occasion of their twentieth anniversary at the North Cleveland Church of God; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Pastor Mitchell Maloney on the celebration of his twentieth anniversary as the pastor at North Cleveland Church of God and extend to him our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.